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**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the restriction requirement dated November 27, 2002, and without addressing the merits of the Examiner's arguments set forth therein, Applicants herein elect Group I, claims 1-4, 7-8, 12, 13 and 11 drawn to DNA, vector, host cell, pharmaceutical composition and method of use, and also elect SEQ. ID NO:7 pursuant to the Examiner's election requirement.

Examination of this group and allowance of the present application is thus respectfully requested.

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